

Continuation of App. Serial No. 09/620,958

polynucleotides. Support for the claims can be found in the specification on page 31 at lines 7-30.

The Specification has been amended to indicate that this application claims domestic priority to co-pending U.S. Application No. 09/620,958.

No new matter is being added by this Preliminary Amendment.

Should there be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

Respectfully submitted,

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